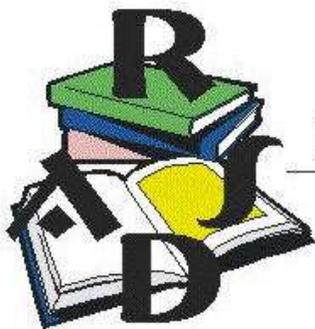


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#### *RASD President's Report*

Do you believe we are weeks into year 2011! It seems only yesterday that I was saying Happy New Year to everybody. RASD and its committees are busy planning for programs, meetings, and the LILC during this busy year.

There will be a Media Librarians meeting Weds Feb 16, at 10 am, coffee 9:30 am, at SCLS. This meeting will focus on the ever changing landscape of down-loadable media. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Steven Spataro. [sspataro@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:sspataro@suffolk.lib.ny.us).

Remember, RASD can be found on Facebook. Please, if you have not done so already become our friend on Facebook.

The *MOSAIC* committee has two new co-chairs, Elma Lugo from Longwood and Lisetty Thomas from Brentwood. Please check out their blog at [mosaic-suffolk.blogspot.com](http://mosaic-suffolk.blogspot.com).

I Hope you will attend the RASD joint LILC program titled *Graphic Novels All Grown UP!*

In September plan on joining us at our annual *RASD Dinner*. This is always a nice evening out with good food and interesting guest speaker. Exact date and place will be determined soon.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> RASD will be having the *Health Concerns Breakfast* at SCLS, always lots to learn at this event.

The RASD PR & Marketing Committee will next meet on March 17, 2011, in the Blue Room at SCLS, with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting to start at 10:00. It will be a planning meeting and a roundtable dis-cussion. Please

Wouldn't you want to be part of the RASD family? Perhaps you would like to run for one of our board positions later this year. Please take some time to consider this opportunity and don't hesitate to call me at Deer Park Public Library or e-mail [rcognato@gmail.com](mailto:rcognato@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you, and continued success to all this year!

*Robert Cognato - RASD President*

It has been a rewarding experience as the Secretary for

bring ideas for programs and possible speakers. We will also discuss how to organize the Lunch and Learn Program that we will be hosting at the LILC. I would like to start the discussion with ways libraries are systematically maximizing publicity that is already being done, and using it with new media, rather than "reinventing the wheel". (e.g., using something already written for your newsletter on your web page, Blog or Facebook).

#### Quick Links...

<http://scla.net/rasd/mainp.htm>

#### MOSAIC

MOSAIC stands for Multicultural Outreach Services and Information Committee and its mission is to "...promote cultural awareness and develop strategies for effective outreach services". The Committee's goal is to disseminate and share information. The information includes how to service our diverse communities, discuss issues ranging from collection development, programming ideas, and where to send a

Reference and Adult Services Division. As the New Year has brought on new programs and services for our patrons, let's keep continuing what we do best as librarians. We should remember to be flexible, approachable and willing to reach out to the community that surrounds us. If we continue to pleasantly provide our services, we will continue to be utilized by our populace. Our libraries are continuing to reinvent ourselves and provide help with Career Counseling, Tax Assistance(AARP) and various Computer Classes. Below is one program provided by Sachem Public Library that looks ahead to Spring.

*Sara Bedell*

### Long Island History Committee

The Long Island History Committee of RASD is working on arranging two programs that we will be holding in February and April. We are delighted to announce that Arthur S. Mattson will be speaking at our next program on Thursday, February 24th at Suffolk Cooperative library System in the blue room. Mr. Mattson is the author of "Water and Ice: The Tragic Wrecks of the Bristol and the Mexico on the South Shore of Long Island." Come listen to these two dramatic tales of shipwrecks and rescues during 1836 and 1837. Afterward their will be an opportunity to purchase his book and have it autographed. Coffee and cake will be served at 9:30 AM and the program will follow. There will be a short business meeting after Mr. Mattson's presentation. This program is open to all SCLA members. Please R.S.P.V. by emailing [mkoferl@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:mkoferl@suffolk.lib.ny.us)

or call 631-273-7883 X 309.

Our second program will be held on Thursday, April 14th. The committee is working on arranging a performers showcase on that date at SCLS. The showcase will start at 10 AM and go to 12 noon. Anyone interested in recommending local history performers or speakers who would be interested in appearing at this showcase should contact Mary Koferl at [mkoferl@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:mkoferl@suffolk.lib.ny.us) or call 631-273-7883 X 309.

### Historian

My name is Cathi Nashak, and I have been a reference librarian at the Deer Park Library since 1991. I was appointed Historian for RASD last year. As historian, I am responsible for compiling and retaining committee minutes and any pertinent

non-English speaking person for immigration information, etc. Originally the Committee was concerned with ESOL classes and English Conversation Groups.

MOSAIC had a very successful open house on January 11<sup>th</sup>! We have acquired new members. During the meeting the new co-chairs were announced (Lissetty Thomas and Elma Lugo).

If you haven't been to one of our meetings, now is the time to do so. MOSAIC would like to extend an invitation and welcome you to its next meeting Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be about multi-lingual collection development. Mary Id-dings from OCLC will be stopping by to show us how to build a collection from scratch as well as maintaining the collections some may already have.

If you haven't visited the MOSAIC blog, please do so. It is chock-full of pertinent information you can direct your patrons to. Check it out at

correspondence from each meeting and they are kept at the Deer Park Library. RASD has meeting minutes dating back to its inception in 1982, as well as correspondence pertaining to its proposed formation in 1981. If you have any information prior to 2000, please send it to me at Deer Park Library. We would like to have a complete history of the Division. Thank you

### HEALTH CONCERNS

The Health Concerns Committee will hold its first meeting on March 3 at 2:30pm at the Patchogue-Medford Library. We will discuss the topic for the 2011 bibliography and workshop in October. Please email me if you are interested in joining and haven't responded before. Most of the work done by the committee is at their library. My email address is [rdressler@pmlib.org](mailto:rdressler@pmlib.org). Thank you for your interest.

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